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CREATE AND MAINTAIN WILDLIFE HABITAT:

- **Plant palettes:**
  - Use diverse, native planting palettes to support local biodiversity
  - Do not plant species listed as invasive by the California Invasive Plant Council (CAL-IPC) or PlantRight

- **Maintenance:**
  - Pruning: Avoid non-essential pruning during hot, dry summer months
  - Weeding: Abate weeds onsite to combat the spread of invasive species and mitigate fire risk

- **Reduce ecological light pollution:**
  - Shield outdoor lights and direct lighting downwards
  - Use warmer colored lights (i.e., avoid blue-rich LEDs)

- **Capture rainwater and stormwater:**
  - Install cisterns/rain barrels
  - Create rain gardens or install stormwater planters
  - Reduce the amount of paved, impervious surfaces
  - Increase the amount of pervious surfaces

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02 ENGAGE:

- Learn about the City’s 37 indicator species in our indicator species guide!
- Post observations of wild plants and animals you see in your neighborhood to iNaturalist or eBird
- Host a neighborhood bioblitz
- Certify your yard/school/workplace as Wildlife Habitat or as an Ocean-Friendly Garden

03 BRING NATURE AND NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO YOUR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

- Creatively add green space and green infrastructure to small spaces (e.g., rooftop gardens, vertical gardens, container plants, window boxes), etc.
- Start composting!
- Apply compost and mulch to urban gardens
- Use sustainable, regenerative practices (e.g., avoid the use of herbicides, pesticides, and chemical fertilizers)

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